

GI Bill because he had stayed in the service on the first day of the month. He was ineligible for his housing stipend due to his service and was homeless.

This is unacceptable and it is obvious that these men and women are being sent out into society unprepared for the decisions they must make: when to wake up, what clothes to buy, how to get housing.

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program has been successful in what it was designed to do. We need to expand it to make sure all those who serve get the benefit of the lessons learned from this program.

I am pleased to introduce this legislation to expand the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program to all servicemembers. With this, we can take the next step to ensuring that the young men and women who protect those of us here at home will have a home to return to.

HONORING JACKIE THOMAS
STUMP

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to honor the life of Mr. Jackie Thomas Stump, who passed away on June 2, 2016. I had the pleasure of serving with Jackie, a coal miner-turned-legislator, in the Virginia House of Delegates, where he represented Buchanan, Tazewell, and Russell Counties.

Jackie was born on January 13, 1948 in Lebanon, Virginia and served in the Air Force from 1967 to 1971, spending 18 months in Saigon as a jet mechanic. When he returned, he mined coal and in 1979 was elected secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers (UMW) District 28. In 1986, he was elected president of the UMW district, which covered most of Virginia.

In 1989, during the Pittston Coal strike, Jackie ran and won a write-in campaign for the House of Delegates as an independent. He served until he resigned for health reasons in 2005.

Jackie was one of a kind and, though he didn't often rise to speak on the floor, I will always remember that when he did, he usually shared the views of the "little guy"—folks who many would say didn't have extraordinary wealth, power, or influence. Jackie also served on several boards and commissions, including the Virginia Parole Board and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Jackie is survived by his wife of 25 years, Linda Stump, of Abingdon; his daughter, Ahbra Stump, of Abingdon; and his "furry companion," Ruffles. He is also survived by his mother, Margret Stump, of Keen Mountain; his sisters, Wanda Sue Justice and husband Danny, Christine Hicks and husband David, all of Keen Mountain; and numerous nieces and nephews.

I have always appreciated the good working relationship and friendship that Jackie and I had, and will continue fondly remembering how very deeply he cared about Southwest Virginia and those who call it home. I am saddened by Jackie's passing, and extend my prayers and deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones during this time. May God give them comfort and peace.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PULMONARY HYPERTENSION ASSOCIATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the outstanding efforts of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association (PHA) in the fight against the rare, debilitating disease, and potentially fatal condition, pulmonary hypertension (PH).

I am proud to represent the Lone Star Chapter of PHA, located in The Woodlands. This disease was first brought to my attention over a decade ago by Chapter member, Jack Stibbs, whose daughter, Emily, had been recently diagnosed at an early age and given a dire prognosis. However, due to Emily's early diagnosis and advancements in medical research, including the development of innovative treatments, she has been able to lead a full life and even recently graduated college.

Most patients are not as fortunate as Emily has been. PH can be idiopathic or occur as the result of sickle cell disease, scleroderma, and other conditions. Nearly 3 out of 4 PH patients are not diagnosed until the disease has reached a late stage, which renders many available therapies ineffective and leaves patients facing a much more serious medical intervention, such as heart-lung transplantation. PH is very aggressive and the average life expectancy without an accurate diagnosis and proper treatment is just under 3 years.

I continually work with my colleagues in Congress to advance efforts that seek to lower healthcare costs, promote quality, and improve outcomes for patients. This is why I work with the PH community to call attention to important legislative efforts, including the Pulmonary Hypertension Research and Diagnosis Act (H.R. 3520), which seeks to leverage limited resources to ensure more PH patients are diagnosed at an early stage and can benefit from treatments like Emily has.

This June, the PH community will be gathering in Texas for their Semi-Annual International Conference. This is a bittersweet engagement as it will be the last Conference for Rino Aldrighetti, who has served as President and CEO of PHA for 17 incredible years. After PHA was founded around a kitchen table by passionate advocates seeking to improve the lives of affected individuals and families, Rino was one of the first employees the organization hired. Under Rino's leadership the organization grew from modest beginnings to an agent for meaningful change. Today, PHA has expanded to an organization of more than fifty staff with a budget of \$13 million. When Rino started most medical professionals knew little about the disease. There was one FDA approved therapy available, but far too frequently, patients died waiting for a diagnosis. But now, thanks to PHA, coordinated research and patient support efforts we have 14 FDA approved treatment options for PH, and PHA's Research Program has committed more than \$17 million to support cutting edge research focused on PH. In addition, more than 80 independent PH associations have been established around the world, and PHA has signed Memorandum of Understanding with 35 nations.

More can be done though. I ask my colleagues to recognize Rino and to honor his legacy of service to the PH community by supporting PH patients and early diagnosis legislation.

TRIBUTE TO PALM PAVILION

HON. DAVID W. JOLLY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Palm Pavilion for its 90th year in business marked this past May 26, 2016.

Started in 1926 by five partners, Palm Pavilion was intended to serve as a bathing pavilion for local patrons. One of the founders, Jesse Smith, recalls that it was open daily and was comprised of a bathhouse with changing rooms, a booth for towel and bathing suit rentals, a dance floor with jukebox music, a picnic area, and a kitchen. They served food like hamburgers and hot dogs while sodas and beer were kept cold in ice bins.

For thirty eight years, Jesse Smith and his wife were the main owners of Palm Pavilion, but in the sixties, they sold it, Howard and Jean Hamilton. The Hamiltons worked to modernize by removing the bath house and focusing more on food and beverages, yet they made every effort to maintain the fun and relaxed atmosphere for which Palm Pavilion was known.

Today, the Grill and Bar has expanded, providing seating for more than 300 beachgoers and serving all types of food. It also employs more than a hundred people.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Palm Pavilion for being a cornerstone of our community. For nearly a hundred years, it has been a point of interest for locals and tourists alike, and I ask that this body join me in celebrating their continued success.

HONORING CHIEF CHRIS PALMER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 10, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Chris Palmer.

Chief Chris Palmer was born to Carl Palmer and the late Classie Palmer. He is the fourth of six children. Chief Palmer is married to Kathy Robinson and they have five children and six grandchildren. He attended Crystal Springs High School and graduated from Jackson State University with a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice and Corrections.

Chief Palmer began his career with the Crystal Springs Police Department as a Dispatcher and became a Patrolman in 1994. During his tenure on patrol, Chief Palmer was contracted to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics as an undercover agent.

Four years later, Chief Palmer became the investigator for the City of Crystal Springs. As investigator, Chief Palmer worked all felony cases in the city for the next 15 years. These cases included Murder, Aggravated Assault, and Burglary along with numerous white collar crimes. While investigating these crimes Chief